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A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE VEGETATION ADVISORY BOARD

Whereas, the Southern Shores Town Council established the Vegetation Advisory Committee in 2001 in response to a citizen initiative to study the apparent loss of vegetation during the development of commercial and residential properties in Southern Shores; and,

Whereas, the Vegetation Advisory Committee submitted three reports on the trends of vegetation loss within the Town, studied alternatives to arrest that loss, developed and provided education materials to builders and property owners on the role of trees and other vegetation within the Town, on made recommendations for moving forward through development of a Vegetation Advisory Board that would be integrated into the Town's policy-making process; and,

Whereas, the Town Council responded to the Committee's reports through establishing goals to attain many of the recommendations submitted and further established the Vegetation Management Board in Resolution No. 2005-07-01; and,

Whereas, the Town Council desires to establish the processes by which the Vegetation Advisory Board shall conduct its work and through which its recommendations shall be reviewed by the Town Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Shores Town Council does hereby establish the following organization of the Vegetation Advisory Board (herein after referred to as "BOARD"):

1. The BOARD shall be composed of not less than five (5) members who shall be recommended for appointment by the Mayor and appointed by the Town Council. Members shall serve for a six year term and may be appointed for one additional six year term.
2. The Mayor shall recommend and the Town Council shall appoint a chairman of the Vegetation Advisory Board, who shall be a member of the BOARD and shall have the duties and responsibilities of a BOARD member, including the responsibility to vote on

matters coming before the BOARD. The Chairman shall call meetings of the BOARD, shall preside over all meetings of the Board and serve as spokesperson for the BOARD. The BOARD shall appoint a Vice Chairman who shall serve in the absence of the Chairman.

3. The Town Manager shall provide staff and other resources necessary for the BOARD to complete its work, but subject to the Town Manager's professional judgment or to limitations as imposed by the Town Council.

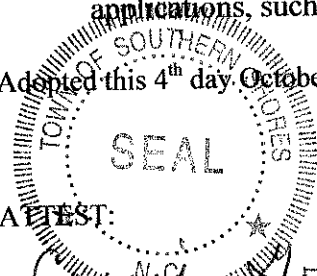
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOARD shall undertake the following work:

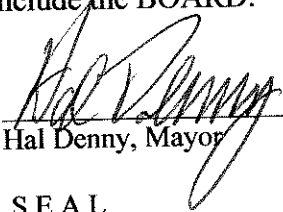
1. Prepare and recommend to the Town Council a comprehensive Vegetation Management Plan affecting public and private property relating to the appropriate preservation and enhancement of trees and vegetation within the Town, including the area within the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the Town. Such a plan shall include an outline of educational, regulatory and other tools or methods for attaining the recommendations contained in the Vegetation Management Plan. Prior to recommending the Vegetation Management Plan to the Town Council, the BOARD shall conduct at least one (1) public meeting that has been broadly advertised to citizens, property owners, businesses, civic associations, and business trade associations.
2. Prepare and recommend to the Town Council guidelines for the maintenance of the Town rights-of-way so as to accomplish the goals set out in the Vegetation Management Plan.
3. Submit recommendations to the Town Council with education programs and regulatory tools for arresting the vine growth that has become apparent in recent years and what actions the Town Council should take to reduce the proliferation of vines.
4. Review development applications submitted to the BOARD and respond in a timely manner with:
 - a. Comments on whether the application is consistent with the Vegetation Management Plan; and,
 - b. If not consistent with the Vegetation Management Plan, suggest reasonable changes to application so that it comes into conformity with the Vegetation Management Plan.
5. To the extent a BOARD member is available, participate in lot disturbance inspections. However, the availability or unavailability of a BOARD member shall not decelerate the process for the issuance of a permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southern Shores Town Council does hereby direct the following:

1. When a technical review committee is utilized by the Town for review of development applications, such committee shall include the BOARD.

Adopted this 4th day, October 2005.

ATTEST:

Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk


Hal Denny, Mayor

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